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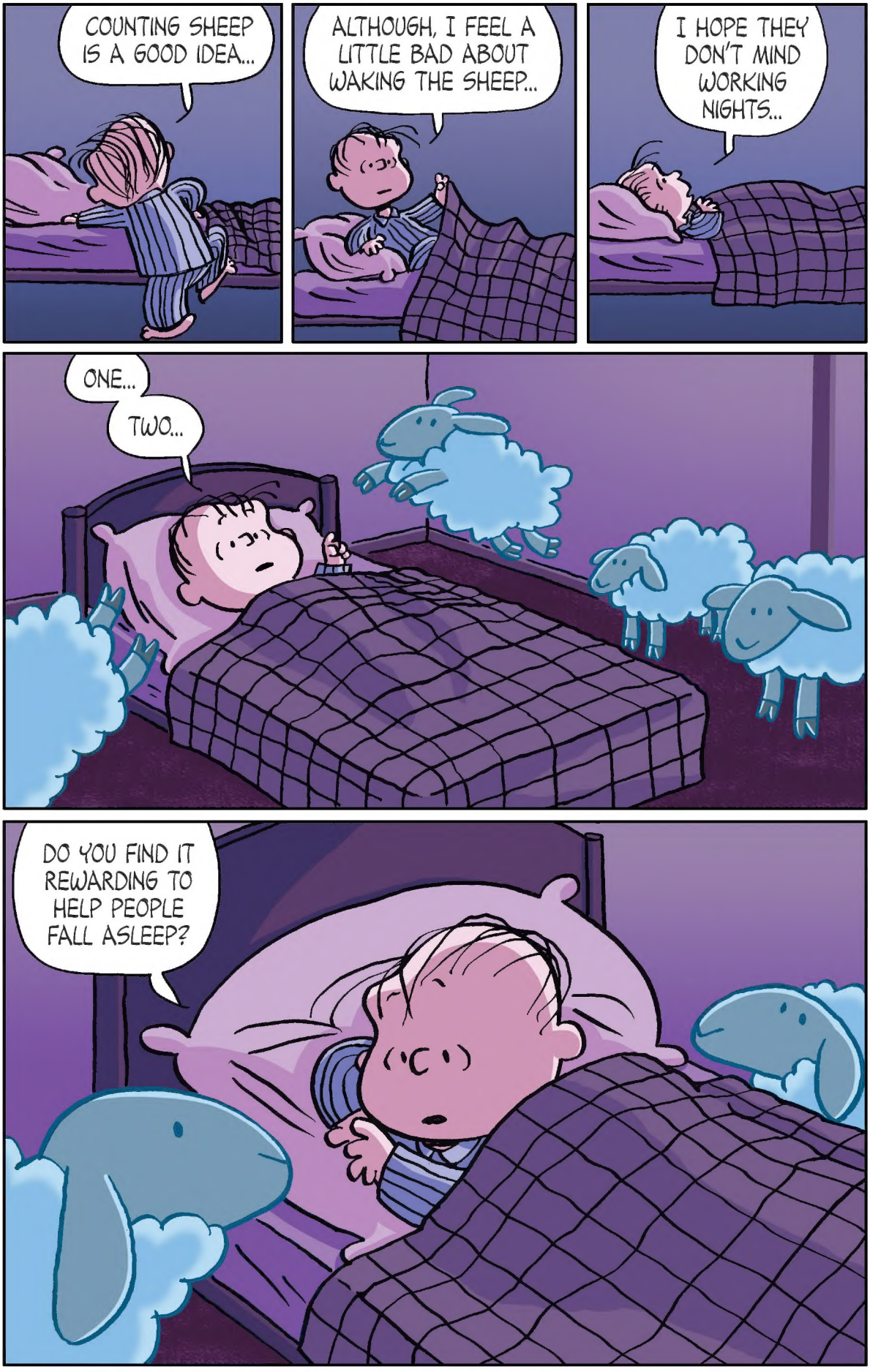
EWE FIRST
STOP BREATHING ON ME! YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE IN BED!
BUT I CAN'T SLEEP...
GO COUNT SHEEP OR SOMETHING. CAN'T YOU SEE I'M WATCHING TV? WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH YOU?


COUNTING SHEEP IS A GOOD IDEA...
ALTHOUGH, I FEEL A LITTLE BAD ABOUT WAKING THE SHEEP...
I HOPE THEY DON'T MIND WORKING NIGHTS...
ONE...
TWO...
DO YOU FIND IT REWARDING TO HELP PEOPLE FALL ASLEEP?

THREE, FOUR...WAIT, I'VE COUNTED YOU ALREADY...
ONE AT A TIME! ONE AT A TIME!
TWENTY-EIGHT! TWENTY-NINE! YOU'RE GOING TOO FAST! SLOW DOWN!
HEY, DON'T EAT THAT! THAT'S MY HOMEWORK!
FORTY-NINE! FIFTY! STOP MILLING AROUND SO MUCH!!
CHOMP CHOMP

BAAAA!
OW BAA!
BAAA! HEY!
BAA!
BAA!
BAA!
GOOD GRIEF...
WHAT'S ALL THIS RACKET ABOUT?! CAN'T YOU DO ANYTHING RIGHT? BE QUIET AND GO TO SLEEP!
POOF!
POOF!
POOF!
POOF!
POOF!
POOF!
POOF!
POOF!
* SIGH *
THE END

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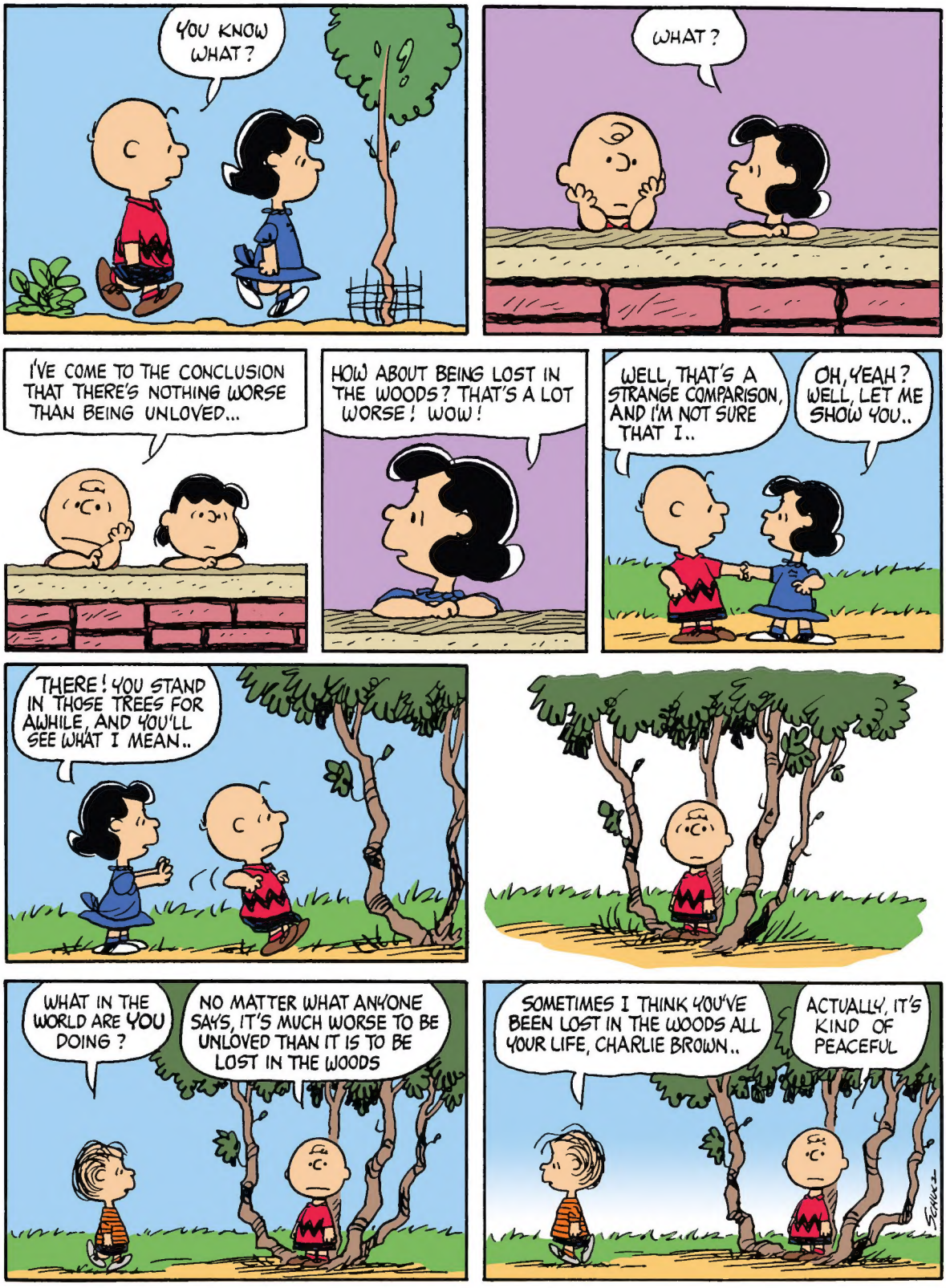
YOU KNOW WHAT?
WHAT?
I'VE COME TO THE CONCLUSION THAT THERE'S NOTHING WORSE THAN BEING UNLOVED...
HOW ABOUT BEING LOST IN THE WOODS? THAT'S A LOT WORSE! WOW!
WELL, THAT'S A STRANGE COMPARISON, AND I'M NOT SURE THAT I..
OH, YEAH? WELL, LET ME SHOW YOU..
THERE! YOU STAND IN THOSE TREES FOR AWHILE, AND YOU'LL SEE WHAT I MEAN..
WHAT IN THE WORLD ARE YOU DOING?
NO MATTER WHAT ANYONE SAYS, IT'S MUCH WORSE TO BE UNLOVED THAN IT IS TO BE LOST IN THE WOODS
SOMETIMES I THINK YOU'VE BEEN LOST IN THE WOODS ALL YOUR LIFE, CHARLIE BROWN..
ACTUALLY, IT'S KIND OF PEACEFUL
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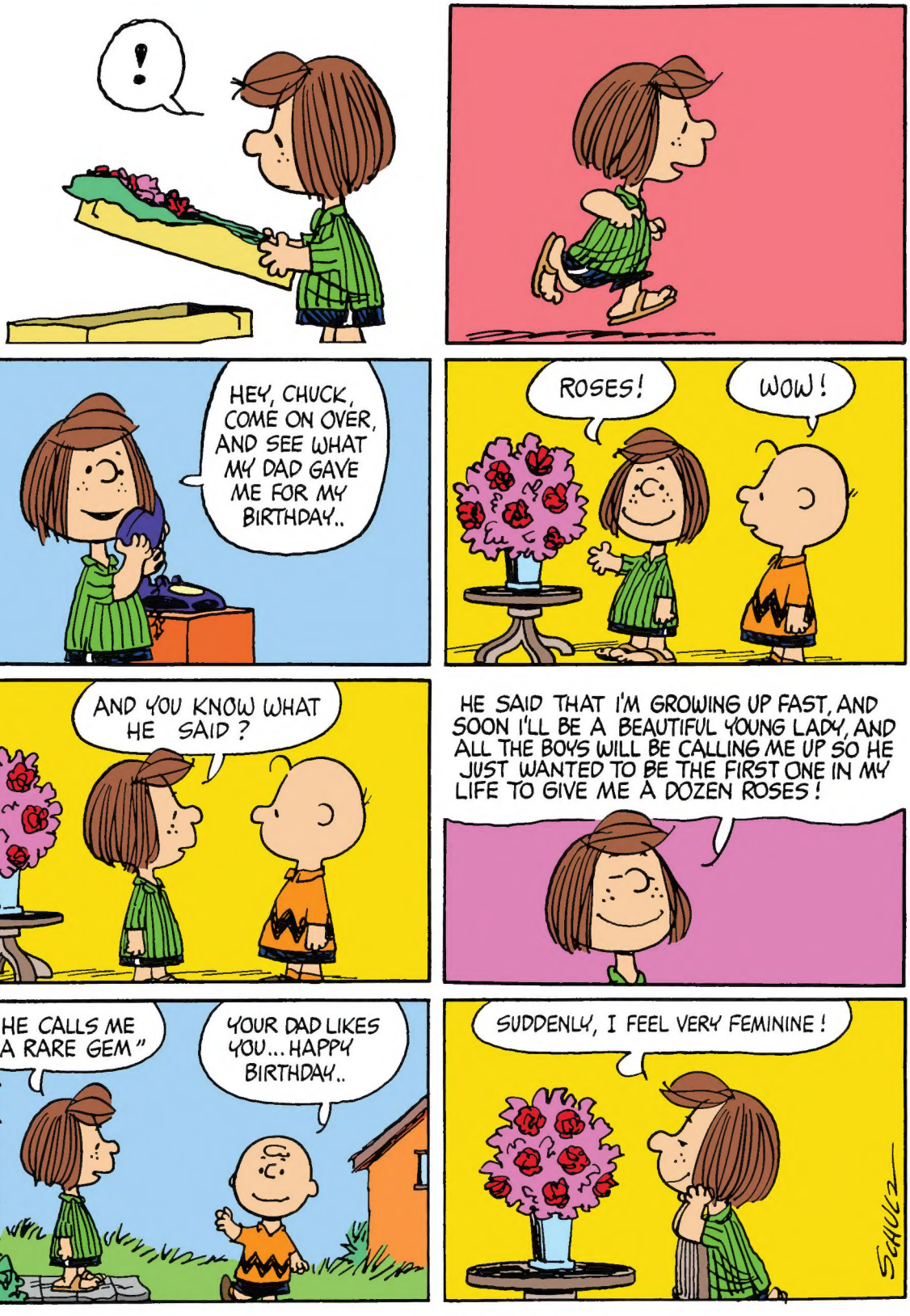
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HEY, CHUCK, COME ON OVER, AND SEE WHAT MY DAD GAVE ME FOR MY BIRTHDAY..
ROSES!
WOW!
AND YOU KNOW WHAT HE SAID?
HE SAID THAT I'M GROWING UP FAST, AND SOON I'LL BE A BEAUTIFUL YOUNG LADY, AND ALL THE BOYS WILL BE CALLING ME UP SO HE JUST WANTED TO BE THE FIRST ONE IN MY LIFE TO GIVE ME A DOZEN ROSES!
HE CALLS ME "A RARE GEM"
YOUR DAD LIKES YOU... HAPPY BIRTHDAY..
SUDDENLY, I FEEL VERY FEMININE!
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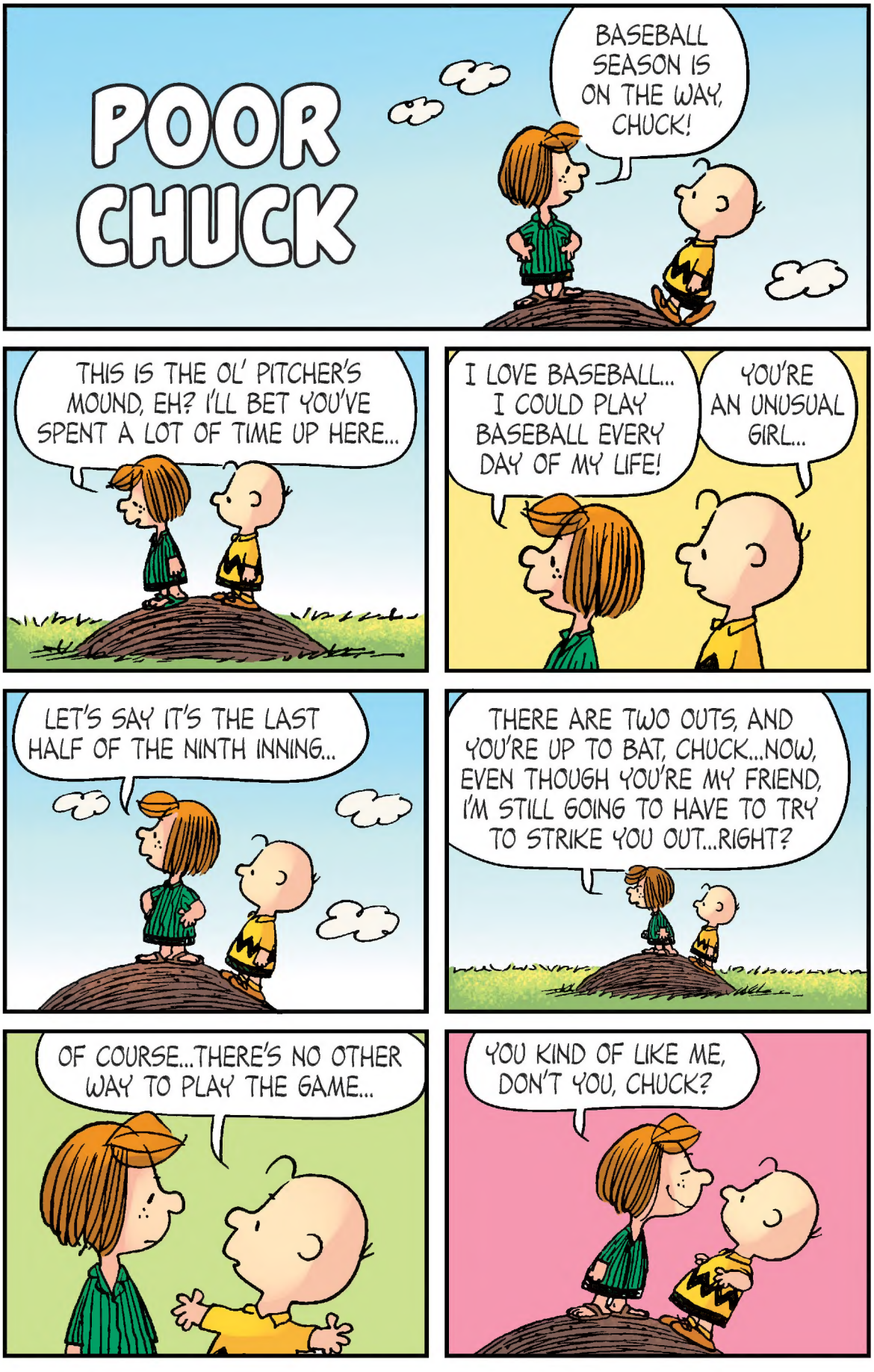
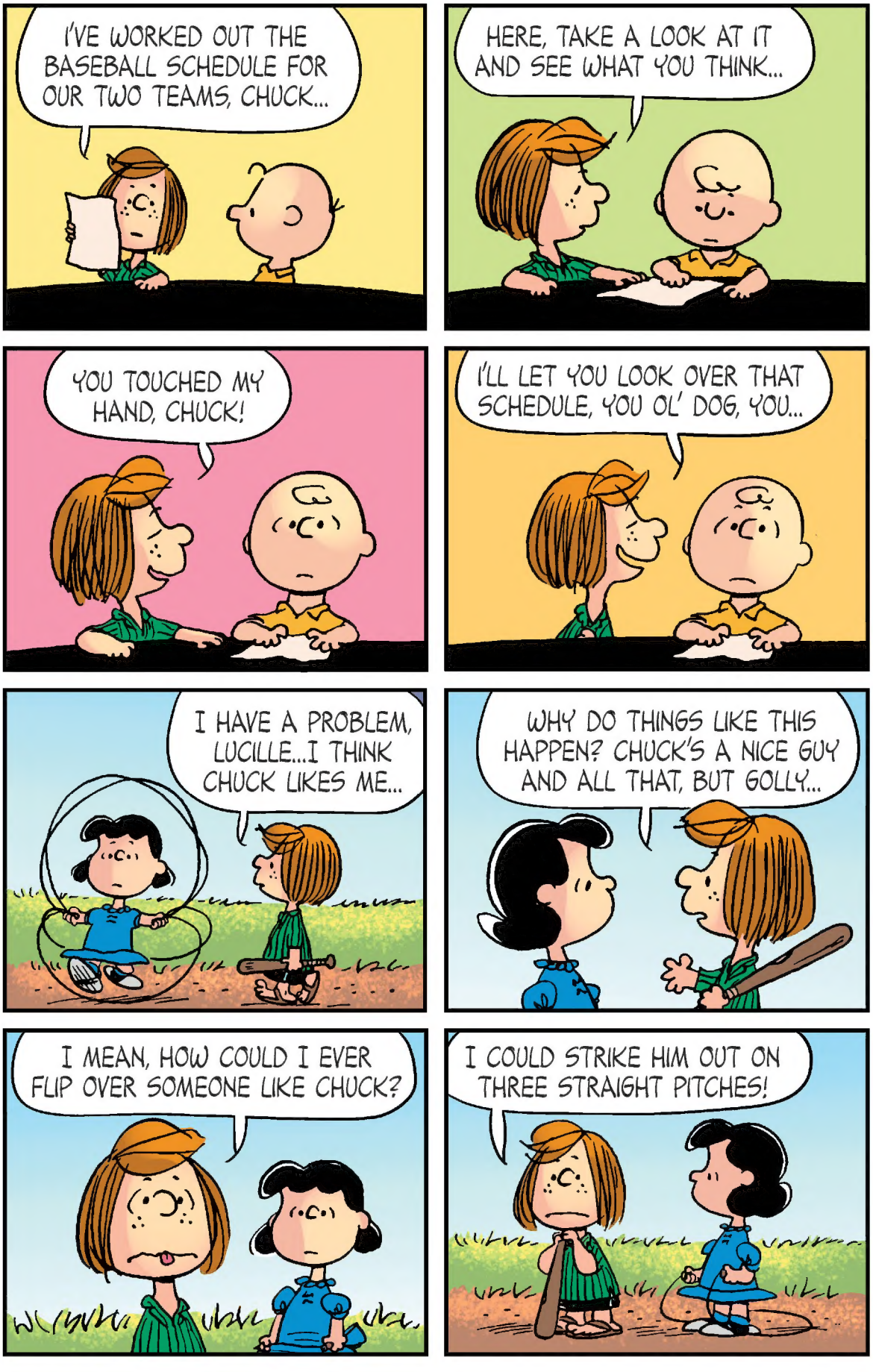

POOR CHUCK
BASEBALL SEASON IS ON THE WAY, CHUCK!
THIS IS THE OL' PITCHER'S MOUND, EH? I'LL BET YOU'VE SPENT A LOT OF TIME UP HERE...
I LOVE BASEBALL... I COULD PLAY BASEBALL EVERY DAY OF MY LIFE!
YOU'RE AN UNUSUAL GIRL...
LET'S SAY IT'S THE LAST HALF OF THE NINTH INNING...
THERE ARE TWO OUTS, AND YOU'RE UP TO BAT, CHUCK...NOW, EVEN THOUGH YOU'RE MY FRIEND, I'M STILL GOING TO HAVE TO TRY TO STRIKE YOU OUT...RIGHT?
OF COURSE...THERE'S NO OTHER WAY TO PLAY THE GAME...
YOU KIND OF LIKE ME, DON'T YOU, CHUCK?


I'VE WORKED OUT THE BASEBALL SCHEDULE FOR OUR TWO TEAMS, CHUCK...
HERE, TAKE A LOOK AT IT AND SEE WHAT YOU THINK...
YOU TOUCHED MY HAND, CHUCK!
I'LL LET YOU LOOK OVER THAT SCHEDULE, YOU OL' DOG, YOU...
I HAVE A PROBLEM, LUCILLE...I THINK CHUCK LIKES ME...
WHY DO THINGS LIKE THIS HAPPEN? CHUCK'S A NICE GUY AND ALL THAT, BUT GOLLY...
I MEAN, HOW COULD I EVER FLIP OVER SOMEONE LIKE CHUCK?
I COULD STRIKE HIM OUT ON THREE STRAIGHT PITCHES!

LINUS, IF A PERSON LIKES ANOTHER PERSON, BUT THAT OTHER PERSON DOESN'T LIKE THE FIRST PERSON AS MUCH AS THAT FIRST PERSON LIKES THE OTHER PERSON, WHAT SHOULD THE OTHER PERSON DO?
SAY THAT AGAIN...
IF A PERSON LIKES ANOTHER PERSON, BUT THAT OTHER PERSON DOESN'T LIKE THE FIRST PERSON AS MUCH AS THAT FIRST PERSON LIKES THE OTHER PERSON, WHAT SHOULD THE OTHER PERSON DO?
I DON'T KNOW...
I DON'T WANT TO HURT CHUCK...
BUT HOW CAN I POSSIBLY LOOK HIM IN THE EYE AND TELL HIM THAT I DON'T LIKE HIM AS MUCH AS HE LIKES ME?
WRITE HIM A LETTER...WRITE HIM A "DEAR CHUCK" LETTER...
LINUS, YOU'RE A GENIUS!!
BEEP!

Dear Friend,
I know that you like me, and in my own way, I like you too,
but only as a friend.
POOR CHUCK...
HOW WAS I TO KNOW HE WAS GOING TO FALL FOR ME? POOR CHUCK...
I DON'T KNOW HOW THESE THINGS HAPPEN...MAYBE HE'S ALWAYS LIKED ME AND JUST NEVER REALLY SAID ANYTHING... I HATE TO MAKE HIM UNHAPPY...
I KNOW HOW IT IS WHEN YOU FALL FOR SOMEONE...YOU THINK ABOUT THEM ALL THE TIME...POOR CHUCK... I'LL BET HE CAN'T EVEN SLEEP...
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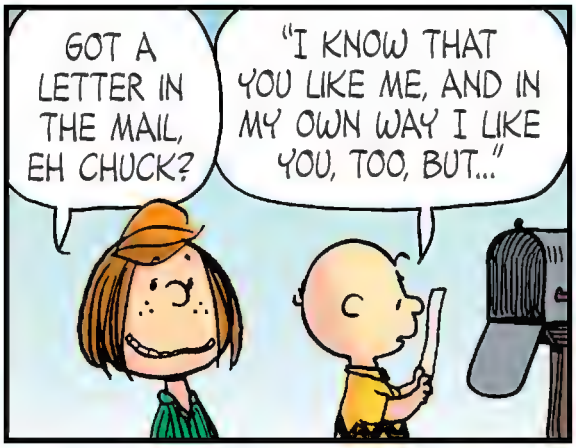
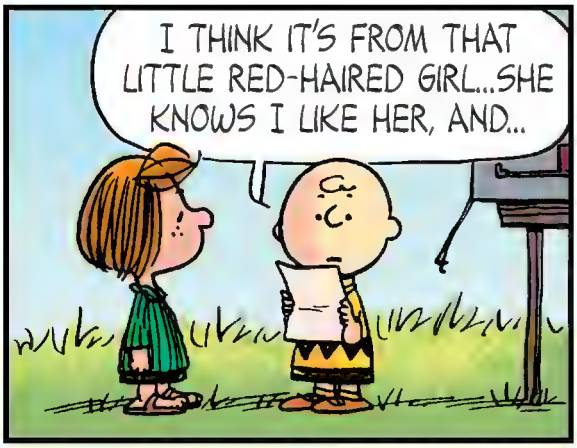
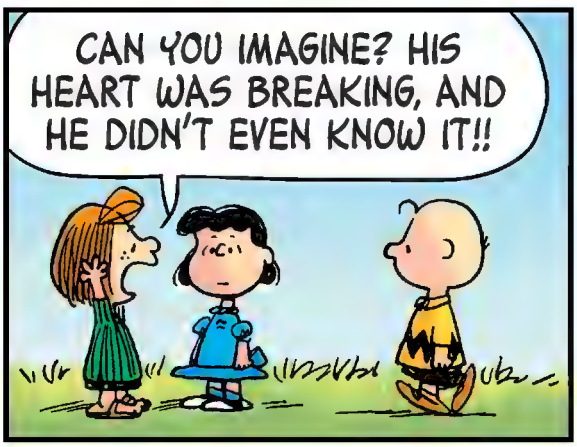

GOT A LETTER IN THE MAIL, EH CHUCK?
"I KNOW THAT YOU LIKE ME, AND IN MY OWN WAY I LIKE YOU, TOO, BUT..."


I THINK IT'S FROM THAT LITTLE RED-HAIRED GIRL...SHE KNOWS I LIKE HER, AND...

THAT'S NOT FROM ANY LITTLE RED-HAIRED GIRL, CHUCK! THAT LETTER IS FROM ME! YOU LIKE ME, CHUCK!

I DO?

THAT STUPID CHUCK! HE'S TOO STUPID TO EVEN KNOW WHO HE LIKES!


CAN YOU IMAGINE? HIS HEART WAS BREAKING, AND HE DIDN'T EVEN KNOW IT!!

BY GOLLY, IF I EVER HIT A DEEP DRIVE TO CENTER FIELD, AND I ROUND FIRST BASE, AND I ROUND SECOND BASE, AND I ROUND THIRD BASE AND I GO TEARING IN TO HOME LIKE A RUNAWAY FREIGHT, HE'D BETTER NOT BE IN MY WAY!

THAT'S THE LONGEST THREAT I'VE EVER HEARD!
THE END

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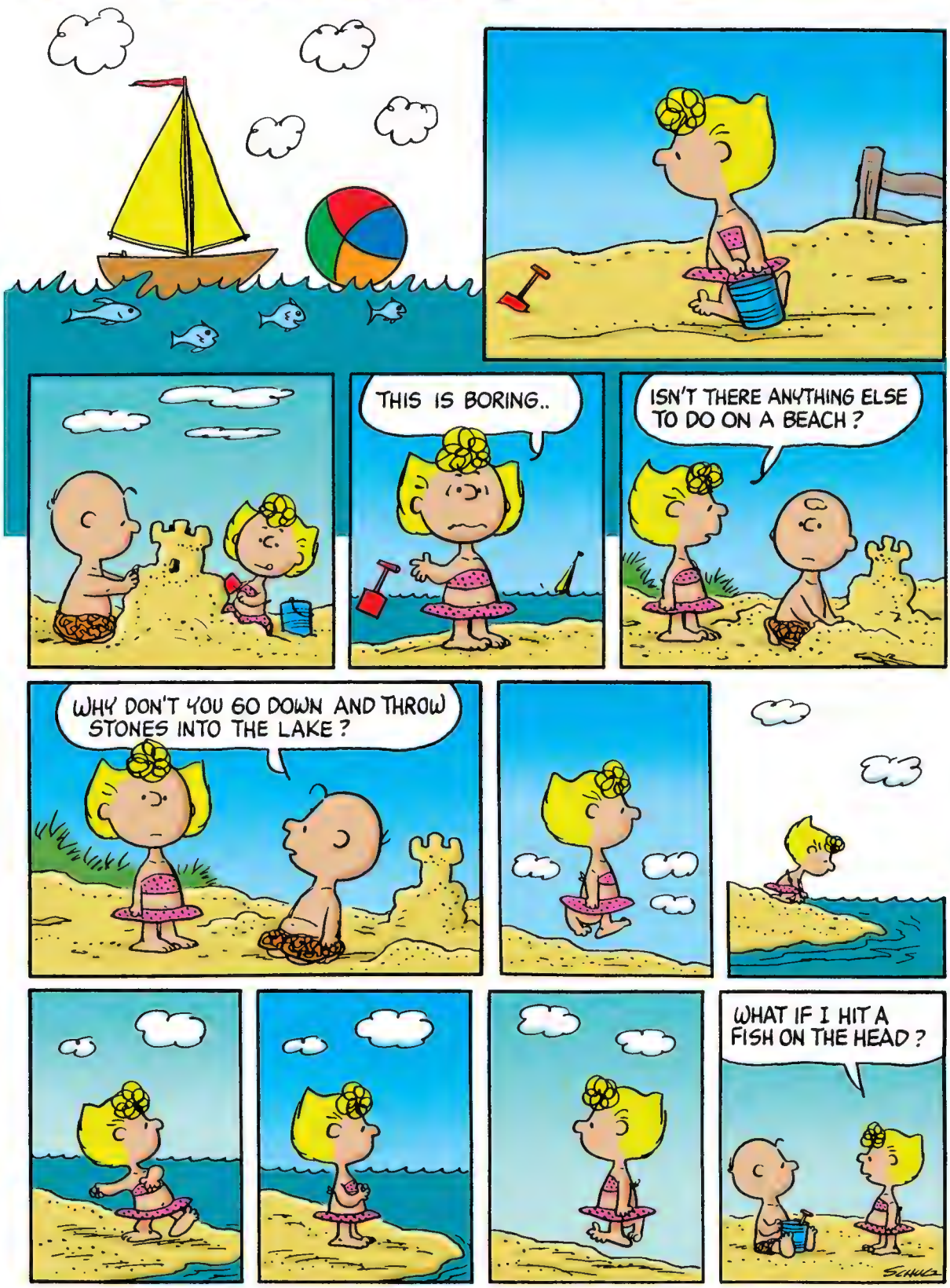
THIS IS BORING..
ISN'T THERE ANYTHING ELSE TO DO ON A BEACH?
WHY DON'T YOU GO DOWN AND THROW STONES INTO THE LAKE?
WHAT IF I HIT A FISH ON THE HEAD?
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FROM THE DRAWING BOARD

"This is the purpose of Charlie Brown..."

"My secretary came to work one morning and she said that her little boy had come home from school the previous afternoon and said, 'Mom, I feel just like Charlie Brown.' And all of a sudden it occurred to me, after all of these years, this is the purpose of Charlie Brown...

That little boy then did not have to talk any more about his feelings. The mother knew exactly how he felt. "

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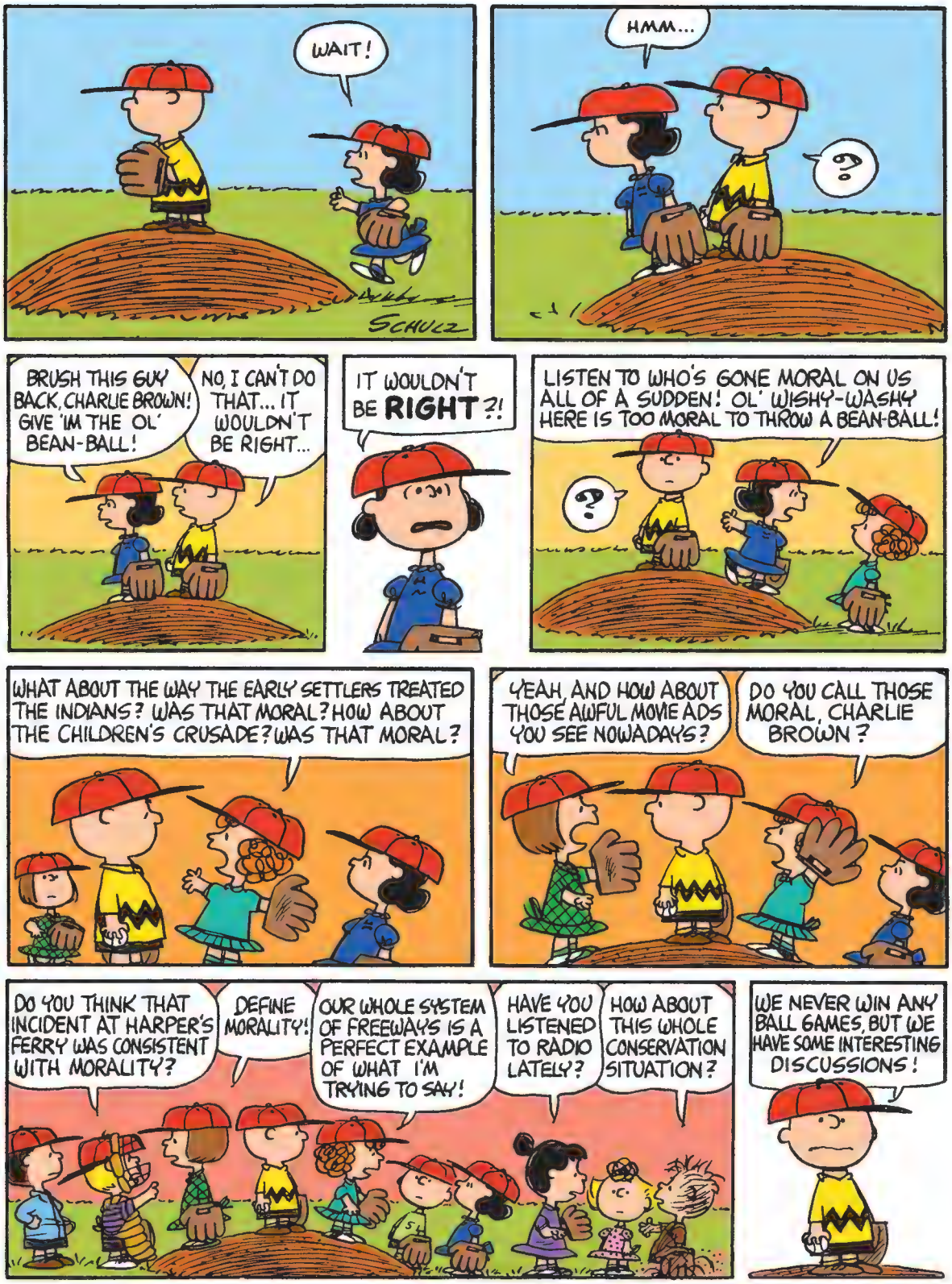
WAIT!
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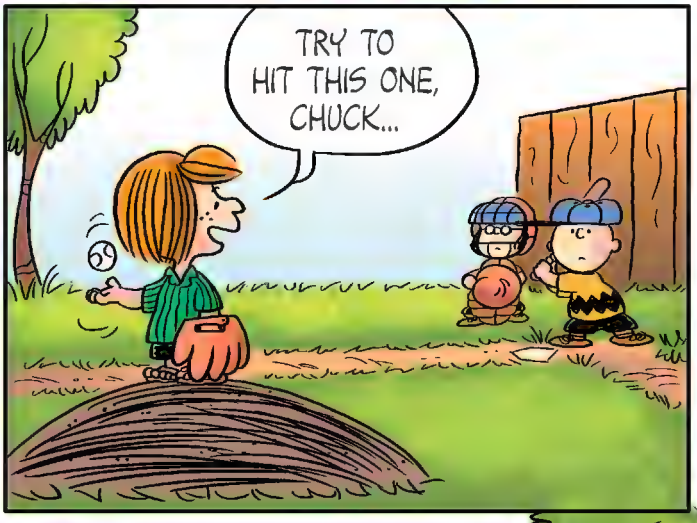
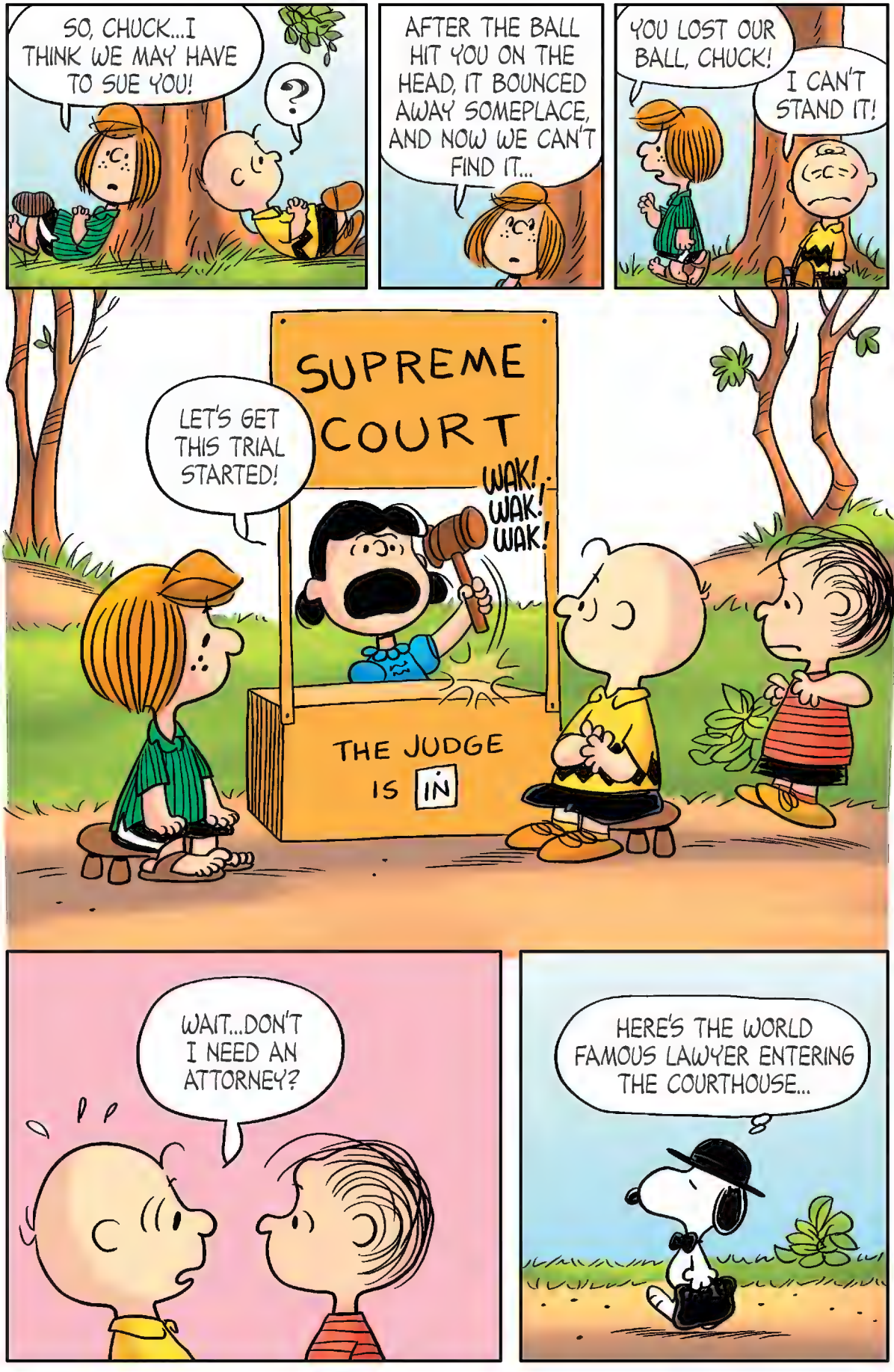
HMM...
?
BRUSH THIS GUY BACK, CHARLIE BROWN! GIVE 'IM THE OL' BEAN-BALL!
NO, I CAN'T DO THAT... IT WOULDN'T BE RIGHT...
IT WOULDN'T BE RIGHT?!
LISTEN TO WHO'S GONE MORAL ON US ALL OF A SUDDEN! OL' WISHY-WASHY HERE IS TOO MORAL TO THROW A BEAN-BALL!
?
WHAT ABOUT THE WAY THE EARLY SETTLERS TREATED THE INDIANS? WAS THAT MORAL? HOW ABOUT THE CHILDREN'S CRUSADE? WAS THAT MORAL?
YEAH, AND HOW ABOUT THOSE AWFUL MOVIE ADS YOU SEE NOWADAYS?
DO YOU CALL THOSE MORAL, CHARLIE BROWN?
DO YOU THINK THAT INCIDENT AT HARPER'S FERRY WAS CONSISTENT WITH MORALITY?
DEFINE MORALITY!
OUR WHOLE SYSTEM OF FREEWAYS IS A PERFECT EXAMPLE OF WHAT I'M TRYING TO SAY!
HAVE YOU LISTENED TO RADIO LATELY?
HOW ABOUT THIS WHOLE CONSERVATION SITUATION?
WE NEVER WIN ANY BALL GAMES, BUT WE HAVE SOME INTERESTING DISCUSSIONS!

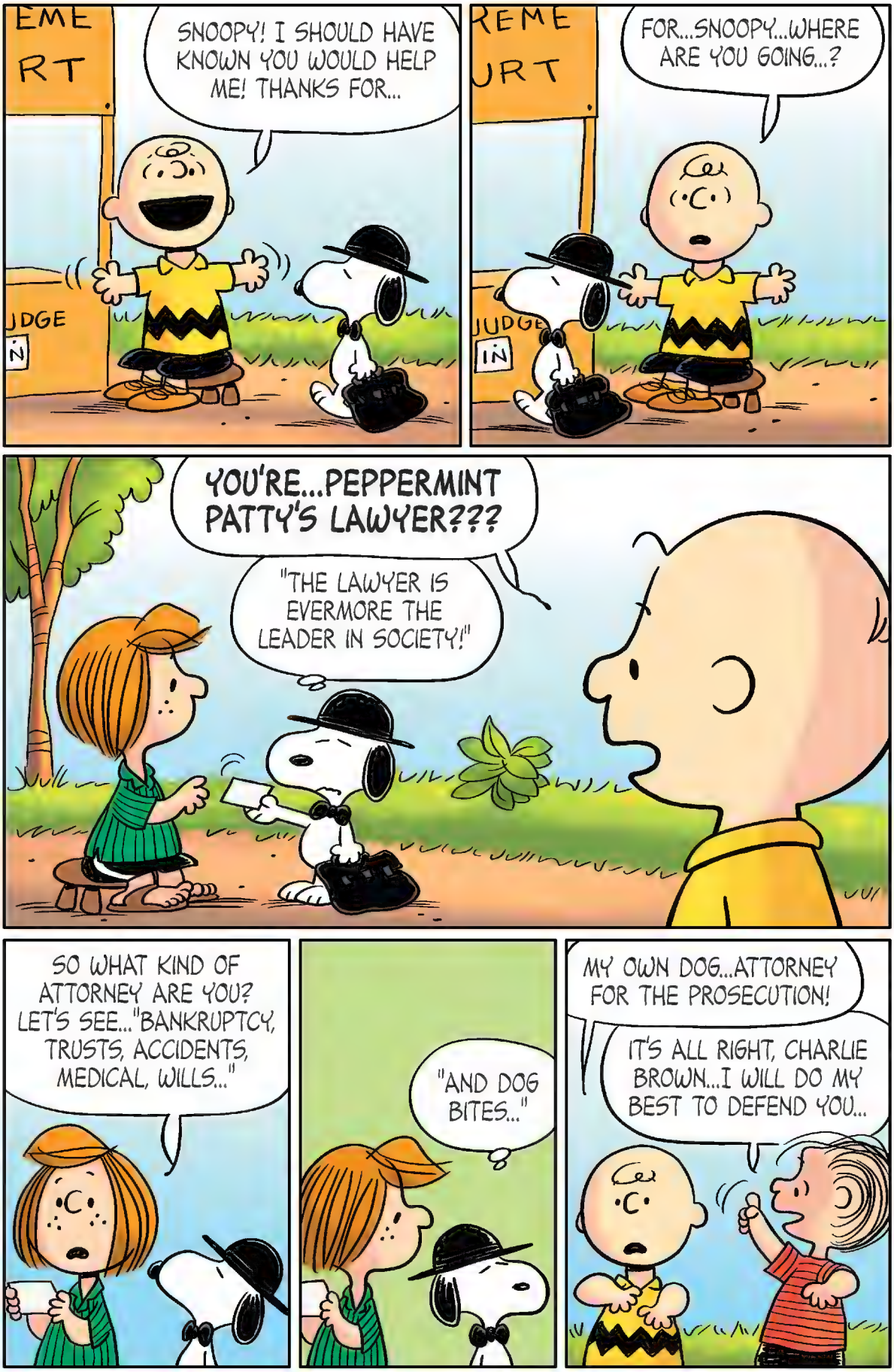
Legal Beagle

SEE? IT'S MY AUTOGRAPHED BALL FROM MY FAVORITE PLAYER...JOE SHLABOTNIK! I STARTED CARRYING THIS AROUND...FIGURED IT WOULD BRING ME GOOD LUCK...

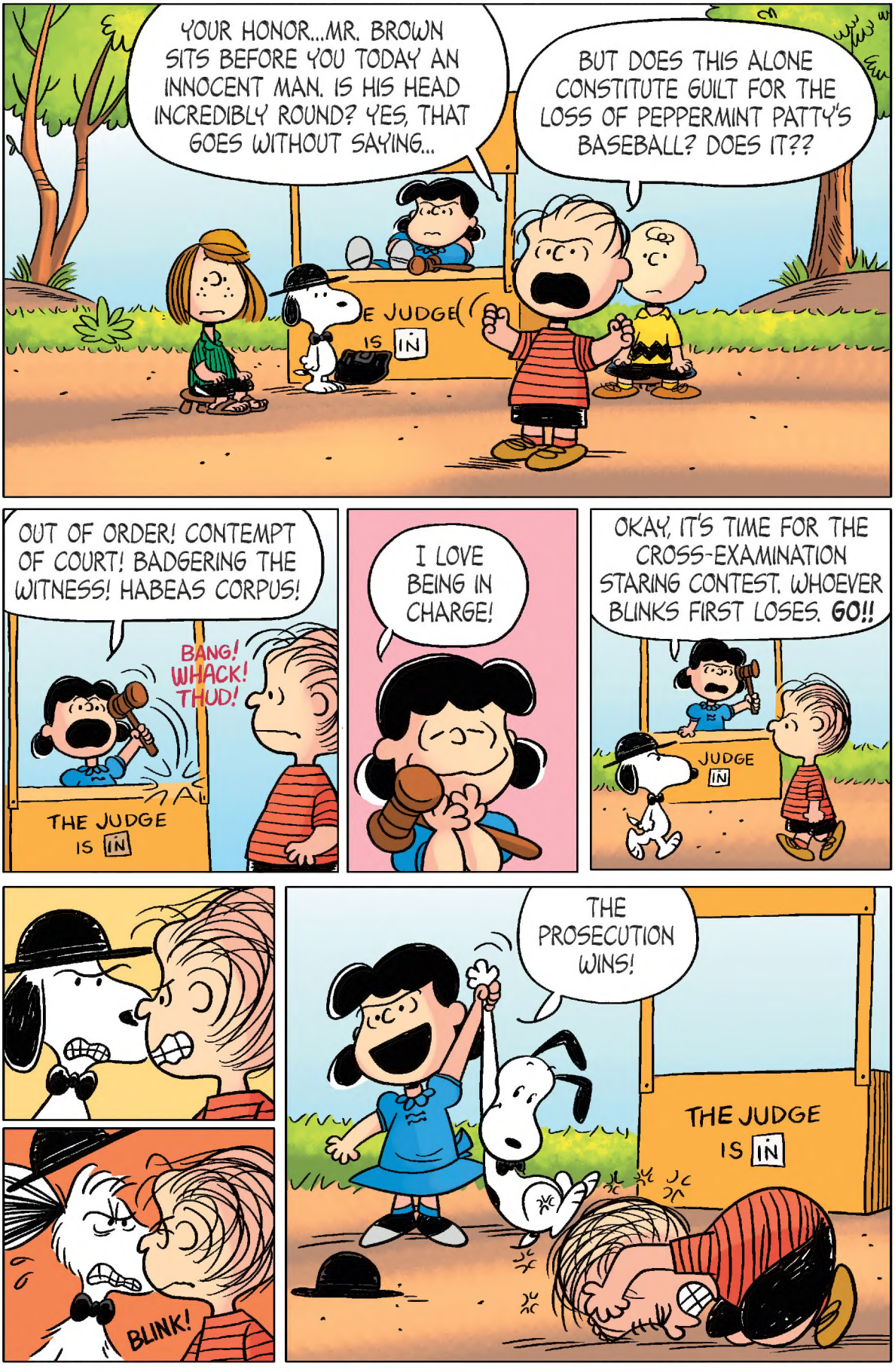


ARE YOU OKAY, CHARLES?
SORRY, CHUCK, BUT DID YOU SEE MY BALL? IT'S MY LAST ONE!
FAN OUT...LET'S FIND THAT BASEBALL!
IT HAS TO BE AROUND HERE SOMEWHERE...
YOU KNOW WHO'S TO BLAME FOR THIS...?
ME, OF COURSE! I PITCHED THE BALL...
TRUE...BUT THEN IT BOUNCED OFF CHARLIE BROWN'S HEAD! SO WHOSE FAULT IS IT?
CHUCK'S HEAD?
EXACTLY! AND IN THIS DAY AND AGE...HOW DO WE RESOLVE OUR PROBLEMS?
WE SUE!!


SO, CHUCK...I THINK WE MAY HAVE TO SUE YOU!
?
AFTER THE BALL HIT YOU ON THE HEAD, IT BOUNCED AWAY SOMEPLACE, AND NOW WE CAN'T FIND IT...
YOU LOST OUR BALL, CHUCK!
I CAN'T STAND IT!
SUPREME COURT
LET'S GET THIS TRIAL STARTED!
WAK! WAK! WAK!
THE JUDGE IS IN
WAIT...DON'T I NEED AN ATTORNEY?
HERE'S THE WORLD FAMOUS LAWYER ENTERING THE COURTHOUSE...


EME
RT
SNOOPY! I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN YOU WOULD HELP ME! THANKS FOR...
JDGE
N
REME
URT
FOR...SNOOPY...WHERE ARE YOU GOING...?
JUDGE
IN
YOU'RE...PEPPERMINT PATTY'S LAWYER???
"THE LAWYER IS EVERMORE THE LEADER IN SOCIETY!"
SO WHAT KIND OF ATTORNEY ARE YOU? LET'S SEE..."BANKRUPTCY, TRUSTS, ACCIDENTS, MEDICAL, WILLS..."
"AND DOG BITES..."
MY OWN DOG...ATTORNEY FOR THE PROSECUTION!
IT'S ALL RIGHT, CHARLIE BROWN...I WILL DO MY BEST TO DEFEND YOU...

ALL RIGHT, LET'S GET THIS MOVING! THE TRIAL OF PATRICIA "PEPPERMINT PATTY" REICHARDT V. CHARLES "WISHY-WASHY" BROWN! PROSECUTION...LET'S HEAR YOUR OPENING STATEMENT!!
SUPREME COURT
JUDGE
IN
SUPREME COURT
THE JUDGE IS IN
HMM...A COMPELLING ARGUMENT! DEFENSE...WHAT HAVE YOU GOT TO SAY?? AS IF YOU HAVE ANY CHANCE OF WINNING...!
THE JUDGE IS IN


YOUR HONOR...MR. BROWN SITS BEFORE YOU TODAY AN INNOCENT MAN. IS HIS HEAD INCREDIBLY ROUND? YES, THAT GOES WITHOUT SAYING...
BUT DOES THIS ALONE CONSTITUTE GUILT FOR THE LOSS OF PEPPERMINT PATTY'S BASEBALL? DOES IT??
E JUDGE
IS IN
OUT OF ORDER! CONTEMPT OF COURT! BADGERING THE WITNESS! HABEAS CORPUS!
BANG! WHACK! THUD!
THE JUDGE IS IN
I LOVE BEING IN CHARGE!
OKAY, IT'S TIME FOR THE CROSS-EXAMINATION STARING CONTEST. WHOEVER BLINKS FIRST LOSES. GO!!
JUDGE IN
BLINK!
THE PROSECUTION WINS!
THE JUDGE IS IN

CHARLIE BROWN, PERHAPS IT WOULD BE BETTER IF WE SETTLED OUT OF COURT...
WE DON'T HAVE TO DO THIS, PEPPERMINT PATTY...
HEY...NO FLEA-BARGAINING!
IF IT'S JUST ABOUT A MISSING BASEBALL, THEN HERE...YOU CAN HAVE THIS ONE!
AW...THANKS, CHUCK! YOU'RE ALL RIGHT...I'LL DROP THE CHARGES!
HOW DISAPPOINTING... COURT DISMISSED!
BANG!
CHARLIE BROWN...WASN'T THAT YOUR JOE SHLABOTNIK AUTOGRAPHED BASEBALL?
GOOD GRIEF... I FORGOT!
THIS WILL BE MY NEW LUCKY BALL! THANKS, CHUCK!
SUPREME COURT
THE JUDGE IS IN
NOW, HOW WILL I EVER PAY FOR MY NEW BRIEFCASE?
The End

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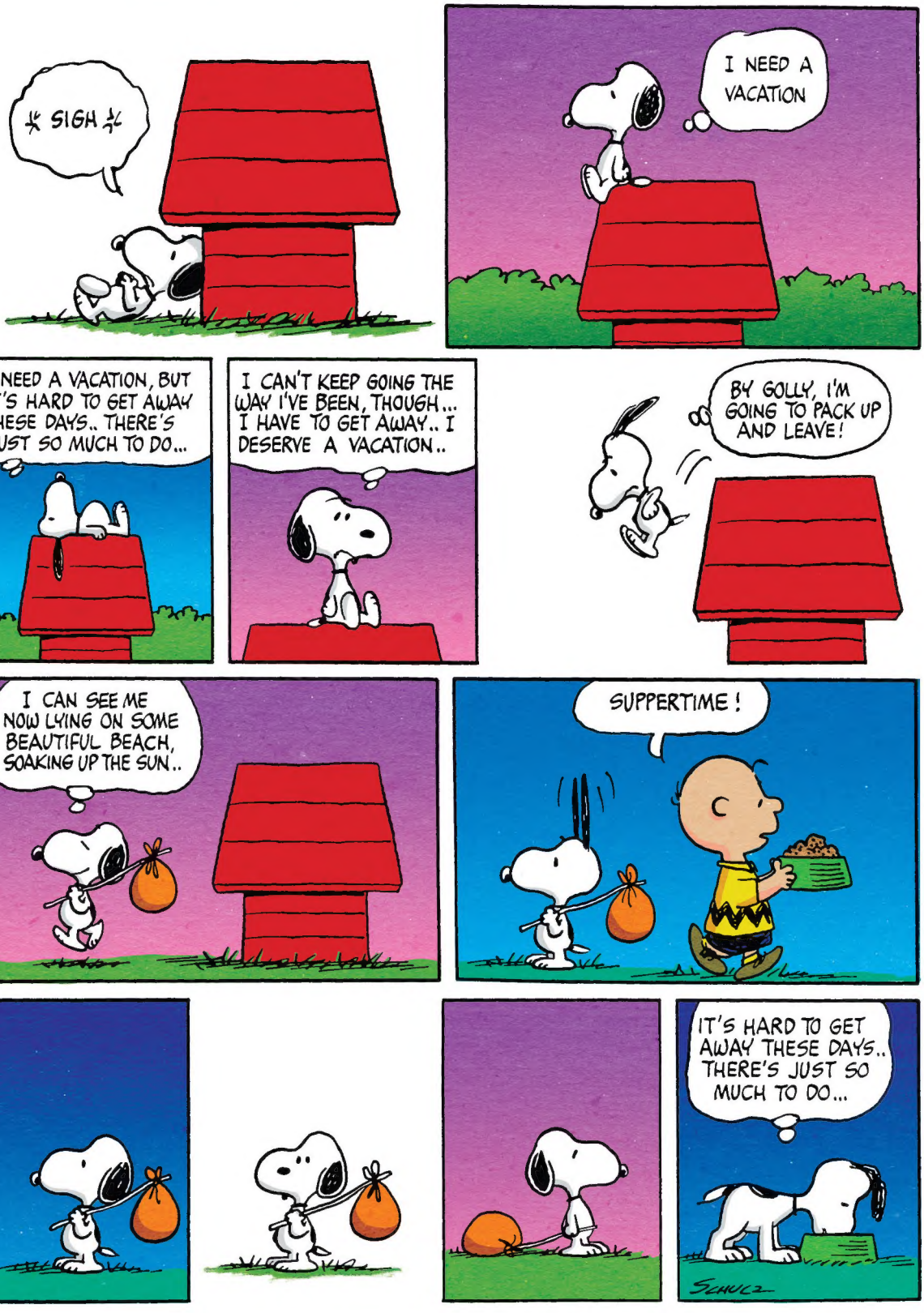
* SIGH *
I NEED A VACATION
I NEED A VACATION, BUT IT'S HARD TO GET AWAY THESE DAYS.. THERE'S JUST SO MUCH TO DO...
I CAN'T KEEP GOING THE WAY I'VE BEEN, THOUGH... I HAVE TO GET AWAY.. I DESERVE A VACATION..
BY GOLLY, I'M GOING TO PACK UP AND LEAVE!
I CAN SEE ME NOW LYING ON SOME BEAUTIFUL BEACH, SOAKING UP THE SUN..
SUPPERTIME!
IT'S HARD TO GET AWAY THESE DAYS.. THERE'S JUST SO MUCH TO DO...
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